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 Marc Alaia, et al.)
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 Application No.: 09/832,381)
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 OVERTIME IN ELECTRONIC)
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CROSS-REFERENCE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2), applicants hereby cross-reference the following related patent applications, which is assigned to the same assignee as the present patent application:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Controlling Closing Times of Electronic Auctions Involving Multiple Lots by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/252,790, filed February 19, 1999, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,230,146 B1 on May 8, 2001.

(2) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Controlling An Electronic Auction During the Transition to a Closed Date by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/311,555, filed May 14, 1999, a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,230,147 B1 on May 8, 2001.

(3) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Bidding in Electronic Auctions Using Flexible Bidder-Determined Line-Item Guidelines by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/311,556, filed May 14, 1999, a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,199,050 B1 on March 6, 2001.

(4) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Controlling the Initiation and Duration of Overtime Intervals in Electronic Auctions by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/311,557, filed May 14, 1999, a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,216,114 B1 on April 10, 2001.

(5) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Controlling the Initiation and Duration of Overtime Intervals in Electronic Auctions by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/828,731, filed April 9, 2001, a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 09/311,557, still pending.

(6) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Controlling Bidding in Electronic Auctions Using Bidder-Specific Bid Limitations by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/311,558, filed May 14, 1999, a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,499,018 B1 on December 24, 2002.

(7) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Handling Disruptions in the Management of Electronic Auctions by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/311,559, filed May 14, 1999, a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,223,167 B1 on April 24, 2001.

(8) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Handling Disruptions in the Management of Electronic Auctions by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/832,408, filed April 11, 2002, a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 09/311,559, now abandoned.

(9) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Maintaining the Integrity of Electronic Auctions Using A Configurable Bid Monitoring Agent by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/311,582, filed May 14, 1999, a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,408,283 B1 on June 18, 2002.

(10) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Controlling An Electronic Auction During The Transition to a Closed State by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/832,437, filed April 11, 2001, a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 09/311,555, still pending.

(11) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Disguised Price Bidding for Online Auctions by Sam E. Kinney, Jr., et al., Application No. 09/490,868, filed January 24, 2000, a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application no. 09/832,437, still pending.

(12) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method, Apparatus, and System for Bidding in Rounds by Scott W. Atkinson, et al., Application No. 09/753,074, filed

December 29, 2000, a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, still pending.

(13) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and Apparatus for Configurably Adjusting a Bid In An Online Auction by William D. Rupp, et al., Application No. 09/753,347, filed December 29, 2000, a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, still pending.

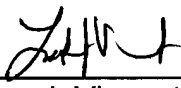
(14) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and System for Using Line Item Bid Limits In Electronic Auctions by Marc Alaia, et al., Application No. 09/850,676, filed May 7, 2001, a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application no. 09/252,790, still pending.

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